

Michael F. Easley Governor

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GOV. EASLEY APPOINTS ANTONACCI AND DUPUY TO MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES BOARD

Raleigh - Gov. Mike Easley has appointed Diana J. Antonacci of Greenville and Sandy DuPuy of Charlotte to the North Carolina Commission for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services.

Antonacci is a physician and associate professor at the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University. She received a Bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a Doctorate in medicine from the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine.

DuPuy is a volunteer community advocate. She is a member and founding chair of the Mecklenburg Consumer and Family Advisory Committee and a member of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Drug Free Coalition Executive Committee. DuPuy received the Leadership Award from the N.C. Council of Community Programs in 2004 and 2006 and the Martha B. Alexander Award for Advocacy from the Chemical Dependency Center in 2006. She received a Bachelor's degree in English and Spanish from Emory University in Atlanta, Ga., and a Master's of education in school administration from the University of Florida.

The commission makes rules for public and private mental health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse programs in North Carolina. The commission has 32 members each serving a three-year term. The governor appoints 24 members. The Senate President Pro Tempore and the Speaker of the House each appoint four members.

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